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EMBASSY WISHES TO MAKE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
CHANGES IN AGENDA PROPOSED REFTEL:

1. REGARDING SESSION "STRATEGIC AND DEFENSE INTEREST IN
THE SOUTH ATLANTIC: THE ROLE OF BRAZIL," WE RECOMMEND
DELETION OF WORDS "THE ROLE OF BRAZIL." SUBJECT OF
BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN A SOUTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE
TREATY HAS BEEN SENSITIVE HERE IN WAKE OF FOREIGN
MINISTER'S CONTROVERSIAL POLICY TOWARDS ANGOLA. BOTH
FOREIGN MINISTER AND NAVY MINISTER HAVE SPOKEN OUT
AGAINST NEED FOR SUCH A DEFENSE TREATY AND THE PRESS
HAS CRITICIZED GOB'S LACK OF RECOGNITION OF SOVIET/
CUBAN THREAT WHICH THEY SEE DEVELOPING IN ANGOLA.
INCLUSION OF THE WORDS "ROLE OF BRAZIL" MAY IMPLY
THAT USG IS INTERESTED IN CREATING SUCH A ROLE FOR
BRAZIL AND IS TRYING TO INFLUENCE CONFERENCE
PARTICIPANTS ALONG THESE LINES. WE BELIEVE THAT
DISCUSSION OF BRAZILIAN ROLE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC
SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EVEOLVE FROM BRAZILIAN
PARTICIPANTS. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT IT WILL WHEN
STRATEGIC AND DEFENSE INTERESTS ARE DISCUSSED

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WITHIN TEXT OF THE WHOLE BASIN, NOT JUST BRAZIL.

2. WILL SEMINAR SOMEWHERE LOOK AT MAN'S PERSONAL
RELATIONS WITH OTHERS IN POTENTIALLY DRAMATICALLY
ALTERED INTERNATIONAL ORDER? WILL INTERNATIONAL
POLICY STILL NEED SOME KIND OF MORAL BASIS AND WILL
THIS BE THE SAME IN A RESOURCE CONSTRAINED
INTERNATIONAL ORDER?

3. ALSO BELIEVE SESSION NEEDED ON TECHNOLOGICAL
ADVANCEMENTS WHICH LOOKS AT POTENTIAL BREAK-
THROUGH THAT WOULD CHANGE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES.
GENETIC ENGINEERING, SPIN-OFFS FROM DEEP SPACE
EXPLORATION AND THE GREEN REVOLUTION AND THE
PROBLEM OF FOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

4. DEPT. MAY WISH PASS TO ROETT AT ITS DISCRETION.
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